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Fast Food Fax

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Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate. In the parts complex, breasts items were fully adequate for current needs. Tenders, thighs, leg quarters and thigh meat were well cleared. Wings were irregular but noted as at least sufficient. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 09-Aug-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26 - 6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	44,663	82,441	26,119	14,183	167,406
WTAvg Live V	Vgt 3.81	5.42	6.94	8.09	5.45
Percentage of	total 27%	49%	16%	8%	100 %

Fast Food and F	Food Service Sizes	No. of Head	Percentage of
Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	<u>(000</u>)	Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	7,218	4.31
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,609	4.55
3.81 - 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	15,457	9.23
4.01 – 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 15 oz	14,379	<u>8.59</u>
		44,663	26.68

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

					Eggs Set		Chicks Plac	ed Pre	elim. Fed. Ir	ısp.	
Slaughter	Egg		Chicks		10 Weeks		7 Weeks	N	Million head	[
Week	Sets		Placed		Previous		Previous		Slaughtered		
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**	
Jun 14	214,815	99	179,188	100	217,082	99	178,240	99	166,837	99	
Jun 21	213,500	99	179,320	100	215,925	98	177,740	99	166,930	100	
Jun 28	211,006	100	178,612	100	214,822	97	177,096	98	168,743	101	
Jul 05	207,941	96	174,510	98	213,675	98	175,850	98	146,181	87	
Jul 12	211,088	97	175,247	99	214,360	98	177,232	99	171,673	117	
Jul 19	211,844	98	172,447	100	215,078	98	176,967	98	167,803	98	
Jul 26	210,378	97	170,868	97	218,141	99	179,923	100	163,014	97	
Aug 02	207,170	96	172,940	96	217,164	99	179,372	100	166,665	102	
Aug 09	207,163	95	173,454	98	216,932	99	179,253	100	167,406	100	
	Data in bold	are subi	ect to revision	*Pero	ent of previou	ıs vear	**Percent cha	nge from	previous v	veek	

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	
Week of 08/18/08					
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	70-73	71.82	71.65	76.81	
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	69-73	70.59	68.72	76.47	
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	97	95.83	95.92	86.53	
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		79.95	79.32	79.97	
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock	86.87	86.91	80.89		
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day	61.92	60.30	63.75		

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast	Southern States	Georgia
Weekly Weighted Average	(Delivered)	(FOB)	(FOB)
	08/15/08	08/15/08	08/18/08
Breast – B/S	128.99	134.18	146.00
Tenderloins	112.66	122.73	173.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	65.86	78.44	84.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	55.13	52.50	53.00
Wings	98.20	74.82	97.50

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